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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : NRO Use of CIA Contracting Authority

REFERENCE : Memo for DD/NRO from D/NRO, Dated 24 May 1963;
Same Subject [REDACTED]

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1. In connection with our conversation in your office 2 June 1963 on the subject of the Agency's role in the clandestine reconnaissance field, I should like to call your attention to the referenced paper received not long ago from Mr. McMillan on the manner in which D/NRO expects to make use of the Agency's special authorities for projects other than those for which technical management responsibility is assigned to the Director, Program B. In this context I would especially call your attention to the second of the three reasons contained in Mr. McMillan's memorandum.

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2. In addition to the services offered by this Agency in the field of

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[REDACTED] Your statement that if CIA were to be divorced from operational and technical responsibility for clandestine reconnaissance, you would want to see it out of the support field as well, should therefore include

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

24 May 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR The Deputy Director, NRO

SUBJECT: NRO Use of CIA Contracting Authority

As a matter of general policy, I consider that there are three reasons which support NRO use of CIA contracting authority for projects and/or tasks other than those for which technical management responsibility is assigned to the Director, NRO Program B. These uses are:

a. To provide essential security to NRO matters which can not be provided otherwise.

b. To provide speed of response not obtainable through Department of Defense contractual channels by utilization of existing CIA contracts in cases of overriding urgency (such as emergency purchase of film, etc.).

c. To obtain significant savings to the government, or significant improvement in management, by utilization of such contracting authority in joint CIA-DOD procurement actions in support of the NRO.

I shall expect generally to follow this policy in making assignments of such NRO contracting tasks.

/s/

Brockway McMillan
Director
National Reconnaissance Office

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